or fartherless and mother less - for I am shure he [torn] not look like a membrew of [Con] gress's son, as he is i pitty him from my harte

i see Mr. Labee your Dancing master he all ways enquires after you particular almost every person are asking after you Those that you knew and others that misses you my garden is a flourishing it looks beter then i ever seen it befour We have a great deal of fruite this season and i am sorry you are not hear for to injoy some of it, your Pa. takes his breakfast at Mrs. Jeffres and i Bring his Dinner from Mr Tylers and you do not know how mutch better he lives then he did at Mrs Clemmences, your pa, have interceeded to git me in the servis of Mr Bagbey²⁵ who have been apointed minister to Russia and I think it very likely that i will go with him - he Mr Bagbey have just left here for alabama to see his familey befour he goes, I gues that you was as well as my self mutch dessapointed at General Scott's Defeat in the Conviss but it was to be so, i supose you ha[ve] heard long befour this time that G[en] Taylor is lookd for to be ower Presid[ent] My mother sends her bist regards to you and she would like to hear from you i colected all of your Papers this morning and got your pa. to forward them to you he is quite well and looks better then he have this winter he goes out very littel he sends all of his love to you and to your Ma and sisters and to every body of your family.

i say this for him - he wrote to your mar on sunday.

i would be very glad for to receave a letter from you and wrote by you i want to see how you have improved you must try your best and try and learn befour your Pa. comes home you must tell me what your ma, and Sisters thought of you on your return home—your Pa. told me how you was receaved at home but i want to hear it from you, if there is any papers that you want from hear write me word Pleas give my humbel regards to your ma an sisters and your servants, and i still [re]main My Willie's Servant and ever shall [torn] your Bidding.

Louis Thompson
To his Pett - Preston

²⁵Arthur Pendleton Bagby, 1744-1858, was a member of the Alabama legislature in 1821, 1822, 1824, 1825, 1834-1836 and speaker in 1822 and 1836. He was governor in 1837-1841 and United States Senator from 1841 to 1848. He then went to Russia as United States minister. Biog. Dir. of Cong., 660.